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1943 Descriptions and Price List

SMILEY WATER GARDENS

Hardy WATER LILIES

In establishing our water gardens we spared no time, effort, or money in securing not only the best varieties but those that would be most suitable for water gardens in most sections of the country. In this list you will find varieties that are suitable for every climatic condition, also for the various tastes in color and most any size pocketbook.

RED and CRIMSON

Gloriosa —Semi-double. Most popular. Brilliant Red	\$1.85
Conqueror —One of the Showiest Reds. Cherry Red	1.75
James Brydon —Cup-shaped Rosy-Crimson. Free in bloom	2.00
Escarboucle —A lovely Vermillion, one of the best	2.00
Attraction —Garnet red, almost white sepals. One of the longest blooming hardies	2.50
Wm. Falconer —Velvety black-red. Deepest red of all reds. Well worth the price of	2.40
Arethusa —Large flowers, broad petals, deep velvety crimson	2.00
Robinsoni —Dark orange-red, changes and deepens. Does well in tub, garden or large pool	1.75
Sultan —Large, petals shading from light to deep red	2.50
Lucida —A large flower. Long pointed petals of rich carmine	2.00
Vesuve —Rich ruby-red. Very fine	1.75
Piccola —Very dark red, mahogany stamens. Good bloomer	2.00
Newton —New. Bright red, graduating to pale pink	2.00

WHITE

Gonnere —Double, snowy-white	\$2.00
Gladstone —Large and dazzling, very fine grower	1.25
Marliac White —Fragrant, snowy-white, yellow stamens	1.25
President Roosevelt —New. Grows above the water	1.25
Hermine —Dainty, tulip shaped. Has lots of flowers	1.25
Alba Plennissima —Large cup-shaped blossoms. Good bloomer	2.00
Albatross —Large, pure fragrant golden heart	2.00

YELLOW

Sunrise —Clear sulphur yellow. The largest of all hardies and always a favorite	\$2.25
Chromatella —(Marliac Yellow) Sulphur yellow, broad curving petals. Blooms endlessly, thrives under all conditions	1.25
Morrei —Small and dainty, much deeper in color than Chromatella. Large	2.00

PINK and ROSE

Rose Arey —Starry, pointed petals. Deep cerise-pink, very fragrant	\$1.50
Pink Opal —Deep pink, fragrant, adapted to cut flowers	1.25
Splendida —Strawberry pink, rare and beautiful	1.50
Eugenie de Land —Long petals, deep pink at base, almost white at tips	1.25
Amabilis —A favorite. Large, deep pink in center, silvery pink at tips. Canary yellow stamens	3.00
Mrs. Richmond —Very rare. Rich strawberry pink	3.50
Mme. Jules Chiffrot —Pale pink, starry shaped. Long pointed petals	2.50
Somptuosa —Most delicate and beautiful of all pinks. Like satin	1.50
Marliac Shell Pink —Also delicate in color. Blooms abundantly	1.25
Marliac Rose —Deep pink, very popular	1.50
Rene Gerard —Immense, fine red-pink	2.50
Neptune —Unusual, deep pink, shading to white at tips. Mahogany stamens	1.50
Venusta —Delicious fragrance, a delightful deep pink	2.00
Wilfon's Gonnere —A new pink, good for cut flowers	2.00
Odalisque —A good pink, similar to Pink Opal, much larger	1.50

SUNSET COLORS

Commanche —One of the hardiest. Orange-pink, yellow stamens deepening to a glowing amber-red with a heart of fire	\$1.50
Paul Hariot —Flowers open in the spring a clear YELLOW, suffused with ROSE, changing to deep PEACH on the second and third days, and to ORANGE on the fourth. As the season progresses, flowers become almost deep red on the fourth day	1.25
Aurora —Semi-Dwarf. Four different colors of blossoms on a plant may be seen at one time	1.25
Sioux —Similar in color to Commanche, somewhat lighter in shade of color. Very delicate and beautiful	1.25
Indiana —Copper-yellow flowers tinged pink, deepening to copper red on succeeding days. Free growing	1.25

TROPICAL WATER LILIES

Tropical Lilies are not shipped until the first of June, except to latitudes south of Kansas. North of Kansas, be sure a warm temperature can be depended upon, and the nights are not too cool. They need warmth. All Tropical Water Lilies are shipped Express Collect. Add 50c per lily for parcel post shipments.

HOW TO PLANT TROPICAL LILIES

Plant Tropical Water Lilies only after minimum temperature of 70 degrees can be depended upon. Earlier planting leads only to disappointment.

When planting Tropicals in a pool with other lilies and plants, boxes should be used in which to plant the bulbs. For each bulb a box 18 x 18 inches by 10 inches deep is a good size. Place four inches of fertilizer on the bottom, then five inches of soil and one inch of sand. Then plant the bulbs covering them well so that only the top of the crown where the leaves and buds are attached is just showing. A few rocks placed very close to the crown will help keep the bulbs in place to get the root system started. Place bulbs at a slight angle, so that they will have plenty of room for growth forward.

Tropical Water Lilies may be wintered in a greenhouse pool, where they will bloom all winter. If you do not have this convenience, it is best to replace them each spring. Planting new vigorous bulbs each year, you will be more than repaid with large and colorful blossoms that will be prize winners for you.

DAY FLOWERING

WHITE —Mrs. Geo. H. Pring—Pure white, large fragrant flowers	\$1.50
PINK —Mrs. C. W. Ward—Free blooming, rich rose pink	2.00
Independence —Dark pink coloring	1.75
PURPLE —August Koch—Petals pale wisteria-violet, with sepals of purple	2.00
Jupiter —Deep blue, purplish tints. One of the very best	1.50
Panama Pacific —Wine-purple, golden stamens	2.00
BLUE —Blue Beauty—Large, delightful blue flowers, with gold stamens	2.00
Col. Lindberg —Enormous deep caerulean flowers, carried high above water	2.00
Zanzabar Blue —Large, good bloomer	2.00
Marmorata —Beautiful orchid-blue. Sweetly scented. Blooms profusely	2.00

NIGHT FLOWERING

RED —Frank Trelease—Dark crimson, stamens of deep reddish brown. Very popular	\$1.75
H. C. Haarstick —One of the newer night bloomers. Brilliant	2.00
Geo. Huster —Large, dark red, native of India	2.00
WHITE —Juno—Developed from the Sacred White Lotus of Egypt. Large	\$2.00
Missouri —The very finest of all white night-bloomers. Beauty	3.00
PINK —Omarana—Large deep rose, with white stripe through each petal. Stamens deep orange-red	1.75
Mrs. Geo. C. Hitchcock —Dark rose-pink, large flowers	2.00

TROPICAL STAR LILIES

Star Lilies are easy to raise and give abundant bloom. The blossoms are starry and brilliant in color and scented with the fragrance of lily-of-the-valley. The flowers are six to eight inches across and are borne on strong stems a foot or more above the water.

Blue Star	\$1.25	Pink Star	\$1.25
Rose Star	1.25	Red Star	1.50

SMILEY'S SHALLOW WATER PLANTS

Water plants will grow in two to twelve inches of water. They add greatly to the attraction of any pool, besides furnishing oxygen and food for the fish. Plant them in small pots of soil, except the floating plants.

Smiley's Shallow Water Plants are grown here at the Water Gardens under ideal natural conditions. You will be well pleased with their quality.

ARROW HEADS—Arrow shaped leaves with small white flowers. An excellent bog or shallow water plant that adds greatly to the appearance of your pool 25c

BULLRUSH—A native swamp plant similar to the cattail 25c each, 3 for 50c

CATTAILS—A favorite swamp plant easy to grow and ornamental 25c

CREeping PRIMROSE—A rapid growing, partially submerged vine with willow shaped leaves producing an abundance of bright yellow flowers. Will grow in any moist place along the pool or may be submerged 25c each, 3 for 50c

FLOATING HEART—Bright yellow, fringed five petalled flowers, size of a half-dollar. The leaves are green, blotched with maroon. Should be planted in soil in two to eighteen inches of water 25c, 3 for 50c

PARROT FEATHER—Feathery, green shoots trailing over the water form soft airy masses about the base of taller plants. One of the best for planting in fountain basins 15c each, 4 for 50c

OXYGENATING PLANTS

ANARCHARIS—A rapid grower desirable for pools and aquariums 15c each, 2 for 25c

COON-TAIL—Plume-like stems with finely dissected leaves. Fine for the aquarium 15c

CURLED LEAF FERN—A fern-like plant growing submerged in the pool makes a beautiful background 15c each, 2 for 25c

LUDWIGA—A beautiful green and red tinted plant growing submerged 20c per bunch

MYRIOPHYLLUM—Very good for goldfish spawning. The fish will also eat large portions. This evergreen-like plant is available throughout the year and is one of the most interesting of this group 15c each, 2 for 25c

WATER POPPY—The blossoms resemble the California Poppy. Each plant throws out many floating runners bearing large blossoms all summer long. Plant as you would a water lily 15c each, 2 for 25c

VARIEGATED SWEET FLAG—A fine hardy plant with saber-like leaves, broadly striped green and ivory. Grows about 2 feet high 25c

PICKEREL RUSH—The blue flowers of this plant are borne freely throughout the entire season 25c each

WATER CANNA—A hardy plant, with slim, graceful stalks, 4 to 5 feet high, and beautiful broad leaves. Forms an excellent background, with its spikes of purple flowers 30c

FLOATING PLANTS

DUCK WEED—Small three petalled floating plant, giving the effect of a green carpet on the water. Fish like this one. Does equally well in sun or shade 25c per portion

FLOATING FERN (Azolla)—Tiny, fern-like leaves forming emerald green or brown red clumps. A good plant for the fish 25c per portion

WATER HYACINTH—The delicate spikes or lavender flowers with the peacock spot on the upper petals are most beautiful and interesting. The plants will float on the water but will produce more flowers when not allowed to drift about. A good plant for shady locations and should be crowded to produce lots of bloom. This plant is ideal for fish to deposit their eggs on 15c each

MARGINAL PLANTS

FALSE DRAGON HEAD—Spikes of pink hooded flowers 3 feet high 25c each, \$2 per dozen

VARIEGATED RIBBON GRASS—This attractive grass is splendid for use at the corners of your pool or along the walk way. The leaves are longitudinally striped with white and very ornamental 25c each

SACRED LOTUS (Hardy)

Thousands of years ago in the sacred gardens of Egypt was found an abundance of the Egyptian Lotus. This rare and strange plant was understood and appreciated by the Oriental people. The immense pink flowers like gigantic roses with a delightful fragrance set among the great shield-like leaves is a never-to-be-forgotten sight. They require the same care as water lilies, growing in water from two to twelve inches deep. The plants spread rapidly and should be confined in boxes or tubs, taking care not to break the crown when planting.

EGYPTIAN LOTUS—The true flower of the Egyptians. Immense pink flowers with sweet haunting fragrance; umbrella-like leaves \$1.50

Beauties in the IRIS FIELD

We have here at the Garden some of the finest Iris grown. The roots are healthy and well grown and always true-to-name. We would be most happy to supply you Iris for your garden. Let us send you a list and prices. We begin shipping bearded Iris right after the blooming season, which is around June 15, and continue until October 1.

MOISTURE LOVING IRIS

DOROTHY K. WILLIAMSON—We think this is one of the prettiest of the water plants. Has graceful spikes of glowing royal purple flowers. Plant in shallow water or along the border 25c

YELLOW FLAG OR WATER IRIS—One of the most graceful and necessary plants for the pool. Begins to bloom earlier than most any other Iris. Blooms the entire season. Thrives in water up to twelve inches and also in moist border. Blossoms resemble the Siberian Iris in type. Produces an abundance of yellow blossoms 25c each

IRIS VERSICOLOR or BLUE WATER IRIS 25c each, \$2.00 per dozen

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SCAVENGERS *for* POOL and AQUARIUMS



All aquariums and pools need scavengers, fish to feed upon the insects, snails to devour algae and green scum and tadpoles to eat decayed matter. Scavengers should be kept in all well balanced pools.

JAPANESE SNAILS—These large hardy snails frequently become as large as an English Walnut. They devour algae and green scum and help to keep the water clear. These snails do not lay eggs as do other varieties but are live bearers, bringing forth the young fully developed. **3 for 25c.**

BROWN RAMSHORN SNAILS—Medium size snails with shell characteristics of that name. Very prolific egg layers and are very active scavengers. **15c per pair.**

RED RAMSHORN SNAILS—Somewhat larger than the Brown Ramshorn, sometimes known as the Coral Snail. Excellent scavengers. Lend much color to the aquarium and pool. **2 for 25c.**

MOSQUITOES AND GOLDFISH—It is recommended that goldfish be kept in all water lily pools. They are interesting and eat the mosquito larvae and aid in keeping the water clear. Twelve fish to a four by six pool is the best proportion.

SCAVENGER SELECTION

It is difficult to get too many snails for a pool, as they remove decayed vegetation and green algae. Use two snails per square foot of floor area.

4 Brown Ramshorns, 4 Red Ramshorns,
8 Japanese Trapdoors.....

\$1.35

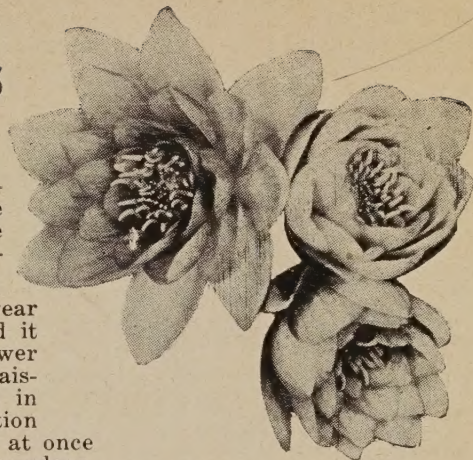
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SMILEY WATER GARDENS

"The World's Largest"

The beautiful Smiley's Water Gardens, fed by Artesian wells, are located on the banks of the Blue River at Beaver Crossing, Nebraska.

Thousands of visitors come each year to see this wonderful garden and it has been an inspiration to flower lovers. We know you will enjoy raising Smiley's Water Plants right in your own yard. Make your selection now and order your water plants at once from the world's largest water gardens.



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HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS *For SUCCESSFUL Water Gardens*

FERTILIZERS—Garden loam gives good results. Best fertilizers are cow manure well rotted and bone meal. Cow manure at the rate of one part to five parts garden loam. Commercial fertilizers, one pound to each cubic foot of soil.

TIME OF PLANTING—Hardy water lilies may be planted as soon as they begin to show growth in the spring, usually April first, and they may be planted up to the last of August.

Smiley's Plant Collection

1 Water Hyacinth
1 Parrot Feather
1 Anacharis
1 Myriophyllum
Three Jap Snails

\$1.35

SPECIAL The MARLIAC TRIO

For several consecutive years, this has been by far our most popular collection. The cost is extremely low, and these three famous lilies will give a constant variety of beautiful, fragrant blossoms. We cannot too highly recommend this group.

\$2.50

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SPECIAL NOTICE

WITH YOUR ORDER, SEND US NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF FIVE FRIENDS WHO HAVE POOLS. We will send you FREE, with your order, one Water Plant.

DURATION OF BLOOM—Hardy water lilies begin blooming early in May in this section of the country and continue until frost. Each individual blossom lasts about four days.

COLOR—Hardy water lilies may be obtained in many colors and tints.

HOW TO PLANT

Plant in boxes or by spreading the soil over the bottom of the pool to the required depth. Plants do better when they have plenty of root room. Each lily should have at least one cubic foot of soil.

DISTANCE APART TO PLANT—A pool six by six will accommodate four lilies and the necessary floating and bog plants very nicely.

CONTAINERS FOR THE PLANTS—We like large size candy pails for a single lily. If not available, boxes made from any rough boards one inch thick and twelve inches wide. Permanent boxes may be built of brick or concrete but movable boxes are preferred as they may be placed in the basement during the winter.

SAND TO COVER THE BOXES—One inch layer of sand or gravel over the boxes after planting will help to keep the water clear.

INSECT ENEMIES—Plant lice or aphids are the only common pests of water lilies. They are easily controlled by washing off with a strong spray from the hose and the fish eat them. "Black Leaf 40" mixed according to directions rids plants of this louse.

IMPORTANT. When you receive your shipment of roots, unpack at once and place them in water until ready to plant. Should you need to keep them for some time before planting, it is best to submerge fully one-half the root in mud and cover with water.

WINTER CARE. Hardy water lilies may be removed to the basement and kept moist and protected from mice throughout the winter. They need no other protection other than from direct freezing of the roots.

HOW TO ORDER

TERMS: Cash or C. O. D. Hardy water lilies, plants and snails shipped by parcel post, prepaid, for order of **\$2.00 or over**. If less than **\$2.00**, add 15c for postage and packing. **Do not send stamps.** Please make all checks and money orders payable to Smiley's Water Gardens, Seward, Nebraska.